(c) Following steps have been taken by the Railways to shortening the waiting lists and to cut down refunds:

(i) Developing additional seating capacity in trains by introducing new regular trains.

(ii) Running special trains during rush periods such as vacations, festivals and important events etc.

(iii) Enhancing the load of well patronized trains to the maximum to meet the demand.

(iv) Attaching additional coaches in trains to clear waiting list.

New railway line between Guwahati and Jogihopa

703. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is long standing demand for the construction of new railway line between Guwahati and Jogihopa *via* Barpeta-Hajo-Sualkuchi;

(b) whether Government would consider the survey of such a railway line within current financial year in the greater interest of development of tourism and economy; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Available records do not indicate such demand.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Nagpur station

704. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study of Nagpur railway station has opined construction of at least five more platforms at that station to cope up with the increasing load;

(b) if so, whether upgradation of Nagpur station to world class would ensure that five more, *i.e.* a total of 12 platforms would be available; and

(c) whether request of the Federation of Investors, Traders and Industries, to start new trains from Nagpur be implemented during 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. No study of Nagpur station has been conducted by the Railways.

(b) Nagpur has been identified as one of the 26 Railway stations proposed for development into World Class Stations. As far as the number of platforms is concerned, it is difficult to indicate the same as feasibility study has not yet been commissioned.

(c) Based on Public demand the following trains have been introduced which will serve Nagpur: